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PANEL, PROTECTION PANEL, AND
METHOD OF FABRICATING PROTECTION
PANELS

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REPORT ON PATENTABILITY AND WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

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Sir:


Submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner are:

- 1) An English version of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and
- 2) An English version of the Written Opinion of the International Searching

Authority.

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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

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In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-10</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 7-306748 A (Toshiba Corporation), 21 November 1995, paragraphs 0024-0026 and 0034, Fig. 2 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 9-34624 A (Seiko Denshi Kiki K.K.), 07 February 1997, paragraphs 0013 and 0015-0016, Fig. 1 (Family: none)

Claims 1 and 5

The inventions described in claims 1 and 5 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes an electronic device comprising a casing window frame having a surface plate on which a tablet is attached is attached to a step portion so as not to form a step between an input surface of the tablet and an upper surface of the casing window frame, and an LCD panel disposed below the surface plate.

Document 1 describes that a method of a tablet for detecting a position is not particularly restricted, and a tablet comprising a fixed electrode substrate having a transparent lower electrode and lower circuit, and a movable electrode film having a transparent upper electrode and upper circuit disposed via an air layer is well known; therefore, for the invention described in document 1, using a tablet comprising a fixed electrode substrate having a transparent lower electrode and lower circuit, and a movable electrode film having a transparent upper electrode and upper circuit disposed via an air layer could be easily conceived of by a party skilled in the art.

Also, document 2 describes making a coordinate reading region optically transparent and adhering on a tablet a cover in which the regions other than the coordinate reading region are nontransparent; therefore, for the invention described in document 1, making the coordinate reading region optically transparent and adhering a cover in which the regions other than the coordinate reading region are nontransparent could be easily conceived of by a party skilled in the art.

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Claims 2 and 6

The inventions described in claims 2 and 6 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Selecting whether to provide a layer in which nontransparent portion is formed on upper surface or lower surface of the cover is a matter of design variation for a party skilled in the art.

Claims 3 and 7

The inventions described in claims 3 and 7 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes setting the size of a cover roughly same as that of a coordinate reading surface of a tablet.

Claims 4 and 8

The inventions described in claims 4 and 8 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes providing a glare-proof process on the input surface.

Claims 9 and 10

The inventions described in claims 9 and 10 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

A manufacturing method for making a large movable electrode sheet and fixed electrode sheet in which a number of electrodes are used, attaching and then cutting the same, thereby obtaining each tablet is well known; therefore, to the invention described in document 1, making a large movable electrode film and fixed electrode substrate in which a number of electrodes are used, attaching and then cutting the same, thereby obtaining each tablet could be easily conceived of by a party skilled in the art.